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Letter dated 30 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer again to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Sharing responsibilities in peace-keeping: the United Nations and regional organizations" (JIU/REP/95/4) and also to my letter (A/50/780-S/1995/980) which drew attention to a flagrant political mistake in the report regarding the status of the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic.

After the document containing the letter in question had been issued, I had two meetings, on 27 and 29 November 1995, with the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Bouayad-Agha (Algeria), and a member of the Unit, Mr. Krasulin (Russian Federation), the authors of the above-mentioned report.

At these meetings, they gave mutually contradictory responses regarding the substance of the issue that we had raised. At the second meeting, Mr. Bouayad-Agha and Mr. Krasulin, abandoning their initial position, provided explanations that were basically unsound. They ultimately refused to correct the flagrant political mistake that had been made in the report.

It is a scandalous and intolerable state of affairs when the Joint Inspection Unit, established by the General Assembly (resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966) as a subsidiary organ thereof (resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976), ignores relevant General Assembly documents in its report and undermines the sovereignty of a State Member of the United Nations.

In this connection, I wish to draw attention once again to General Assembly resolution 49/13 entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe" (para. 8) of 15 November 1994, in which the General Assembly, representing 185 States, expressed their view on

the matter, reaffirming that the Nagorny Karabakh region is an integral part of the Azerbaijani Republic.

I am enclosing herewith a letter to the authors of the report (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a matter of urgency by 1 December 1995 as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 118, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eldar KOULIEV
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 30 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit and to Mr. B. Krasulin, a member of the Unit

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that my letter (A/50/780-S/1995/980) written in connection with the report entitled "Sharing responsibilities in peace-keeping: the United Nations and regional organizations" (JIU/REP/95/4) was addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations inasmuch as the report was circulated under his note (A/50/571) and not independently.

After the document containing the letter in question had been issued, I held two meetings with you, as the authors of the above-mentioned report, on 27 and 29 November 1995.

At these meetings, you gave mutually contradictory responses regarding the substance of the issue that we had raised. At the second meeting, abandoning your initial position, you provided explanations that were basically unsound. You ultimately refused to correct the flagrant political mistake that had appeared in the report with respect to the status of the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic.

In the light of the foregoing, I hereby request you, on behalf of the delegation of the Azerbaijani Republic, to provide a clear-cut explanation in writing as soon as possible and to take action to correct the above-mentioned mistake.

Failing receipt from you of a written response and appropriate action by you to correct the above-mentioned mistake in the report, the delegation of the Azerbaijani Republic reserves the right to take all necessary steps to defend its country's interests.

(Signed) Eldar KOULIEV
Permanent Representative

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1995, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council". At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate chapters I, IX, XII and XIV of the report of the Council to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 34th meeting, on 30 November 1995, the Committee considered the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that had been allocated to the Fifth Committee. The comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/50/SR.34).

3. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that had been allocated to the Fifth Committee (see para. 4).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of chapters I, IX, XII and XIV of the report of the Economic and Social Council. 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3/Rev.1).

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PROGRAMME PLANNING

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that each programme of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 would be submitted to the appropriate Main Committee for further review.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 4th, 7th and 11th meetings, on 10, 17 and 27 October 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.4, 7 and 11).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/49/6);

(b) Reports of the Committee for Programme and Coordination; 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/49/16) and ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/50/16).

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(c) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/49/99 and Add.1);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1992-1993 (A/49/135 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the prototype of a new format of the medium-term plan (A/49/301);

(f) Note by the Chairman on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/C.5/49/27 and Add.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT DECISION PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN

4. At the 11th meeting, on 27 October, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend a draft decision to the General Assembly and that other issues being considered under this item should be dealt with together within the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Programme planning

The General Assembly, recalling its resolutions 47/214 of 23 December 1992 and 48/218, part I, section B, of 23 December 1993, decides:

(a) To authorize the Secretary-General to begin preparation of the proposed medium-term plan for the period after 1997, on the basis of recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-fourth session and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and taking into account views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to submit the medium-term plan for that period to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) That other issues being considered under this item be dealt together with the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. 2/

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1).